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## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 20, 2002

APPLICATION OF

NTERA OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC010243

For certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services

## FINAL ORDER

On November 28, 2001, NTERA OF VIRGINIA, INC. ("NTERA" or "Company"), completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Company also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By Order dated December 19, 2001, the Commission directed the Company to provide notice to the public of its application and directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report. On February 12, 2002, the Company filed proof of publication and proof of service as required by the December 19, 2001, Order.

On February 20, 2002, the Staff filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Report requesting the date for filing its report be extended to March 7, 2002, and the date for filing the Company's response to the report be extended to March 14, 2002. The Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Report on February 21, 2002.

On March 7, 2002, the Staff filed its Report finding that NTERA's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules") and the Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers ("IXC Rules"). Based upon its review of NTERA's application, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant the Company certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services subject to the following conditions: (1) should NTERA collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account for such funds, held in a Virginia office of a duly chartered state or national bank, savings and loan association or savings bank, or credit union that is unaffiliated with the Company and shall notify the Division of Economics and Finance of the escrow arrangement and any subsequent change. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this requirement shall be maintained until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary; and (2) the Company shall provide audited

financial statements for its affiliate, Radiant Telecom, Inc., to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of NTERA's initial tariff.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application and the Staff Report, finds that the Company should be granted certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services. Having considered § 56-481.1, the Commission further finds that the Company may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) NTERA OF VIRGINIA, INC., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-172A, to provide interexchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.
- (2) NTERA OF VIRGINIA, INC., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-580, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

- (3) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Company may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.
- (4) The Company shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform to all applicable Commission rules and regulations.
- (5) Should NTERA OF VIRGINIA, INC., collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account for such funds, held in a Virginia office of a duly chartered state or national bank, savings and loan association or savings bank, or credit union that is unaffiliated with the Company and shall notify the Division of Economics and Finance of the escrow arrangement and any subsequent change. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this requirement shall be maintained until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary.
- (6) The Company shall provide audited financial statements for its affiliate, Radiant Telecom, Inc., to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of NTERA OF VIRGINIA, INC.'s initial tariff in Virginia.
- (7) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.